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REMARKS

Upon entry of the instant amendment, claims 2-10 and 12-24 are pending. Applicants gratefully acknowledge that claims 4, 6-10, and 14-22 were allowed. Claims 1 and 11 have been canceled. Claims 2 and 3 have been amended to more particularly point out Applicants' invention. Claim 5 has been amended to depend from allowed claim 4.

Claims 1-3, 5, and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kanter, PCT Publication No. WO 98/59470 ("Kanter"), in view of Bennefeld, U.S. Patent No. 6,519,249 ("Bennefeld").

Claims 1 and 11 have been canceled. Claims 2 and 3 have been amended to include limitations similar to allowed claim 4. Claim 5 has been amended to depend from allowed claim 4. As such, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection.

For all of the above reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance, which allowance is earnestly solicited.

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Respectfully requested,

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